

Sports

Comeback victory 'shows poise'

By Scott Ahlstrand

In the first half of Nebraska's 42-10 victory against UCLA Saturday, the Cornhusker offense did something opponents have failed to do so far this season — they stopped the Cornhusker offense.

Nebraska fumbled six times in the first half. UCLA recovered three in Husker territory and one rolled out of UCLA's end zone for a touchback. Capitalizing on Nebraska's sloppy play, UCLA took an early 10-0 lead and trailed the heavily favored Huskers by four points, 14-10, at halftime.

"The devastating thing about offensive football is that you have to overcome your opponent and you have to overcome yourself," Coach Tom Osborne

said.

Quarterback Turner Gill fumbled three times in the first half, but came back to lead Nebraska to 28 unanswered second-half points.

Osborne said Gill may have been worried about his back, which he reinjured Wednesday night lifting weights.

"I'm sure he had to be a little bit concerned. But he is one tough guy," Osborne said.

Nebraska captured the momentum of the game early in the third quarter. Bruin quarterback Rick Neuheisel fumbled after being sacked by defensive tackle Rob Stuckey. Linebacker Mark Daum recovered the ball on the Nebraska 48-yard line, and the rout was on.

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California hitters like Annette Bernardo saw a lot of Husker reserve middle blockers Karen Dahlgren (left) and Michelle Smith, who concentrate here on rejecting these two Bernardo attacks. Nebraska won the championship of the Husker Invitational 15-7, 15-5, 15-4 against California Saturday at the Coliseum.

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Huskers win volleyball invitational

By Ward W. Triplett III

After crushing the California Bears in three sets Saturday at the Husker Invitational, the Nebraska volleyball team had to feel pretty good about itself.

Not only did it win its 12th volleyball match in 13 tries, and the championship of its own invitational for the third consecutive year, the team also left both Nebraska and Cal coaches with nothing but good things to say about it.

"The difference was that we seemed really high," Coach Terry Pettit said after the 15-7, 15-5, 15-4 championship victory.

"Our block setup was good, and we served really well. I don't want to sound like we're better than we are, but when we play that well, we're tough to beat," Pettit said.

"Our level of play isn't high enough yet to beat a team like Nebraska," Cal coach Chris Stanley said. "You expect a team to let up a little, but they never did once."

Both teams entered the championship match with 3-0 records against the rest of the invitational competition Friday. Nebraska defeated Louisville 15-9, 15-0, 15-6 and traditional nemesis Southwest Missouri State 15-5, 15-4, 15-8. Saturday morning, the Huskers knocked off Texas A&M 13-15, 15-10, 15-9, 15-4, despite not being ready to play a match, Pettit said.

Cal had swept past Texas A&M in straight sets Friday and defeated Southwest Missouri in four. The Bears, ranked 19th going into the tournament, stopped Louisville 15-2, 15-0, 15-12 Saturday morning to make the afternoon-championship game a rematch of Thursday night's single match, which Nebraska won 16-14, 15-7, 15-17, 15-3.

But the Huskers weren't willing to allow the Bears

a chance to make a match out of it. Behind the hitting of senior Erin Dean, Nebraska took a 3-1 lead in the first set and jumped out to 7-0 to start the second.

Cal took a 3-0 lead in the third set, but from there, Nebraska scored the next 14 points of the set.

"I think we were mentally prepared to play this match," Pettit said. "We weren't this morning."

Several Nebraska players stood out in the final statistics. Annie Adamczak, with five kills, played in her third straight errorless match. Karen Dahlgren, came off the bench to record five kills and eight blocks, while Dean finished with 12 kills, Cathy Noth seven and Julie Hermann six.

Overall, Nebraska had eight service aces and few errors in the match.

Stanley said Nebraska is as good as some of the West Coast powers his team had played.

"They're definitely a top 10 team," he said.

Despite the loss, Stanley said, Saturday's game was much better for both teams than the Thursday night match.

"We weren't very confident then," he said. "Even though it went four sets, it was a very flat match and wasn't much fun to watch."

Denise Allen, who finished with 12 kills, and Sylvia Monnet hit well for the Bears, Stanley said, but Nebraska managed to dig most of them out.

"I thought we played well, and it helped get us ready for our conference schedule," he said.

"In fact, I've never lost this bad and still felt this good," Southwest Missouri State defeated Louisville in five sets to take third place. Texas A&M failed to win a single match in the tournament.

Nebraska will play Kansas State at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Coliseum before traveling to Missouri Oct. 1.



Staff photo by Craig Anderson

UCLA quarterback Rick Neuheisel answers to both Mark Daum and Jim Skow for this third-quarter pass.

Rec Scoreboard

CO-REC FOOTBALL

- Division A
 - Sigma Nu-Alpha Chi Omega 20, Sigma Alpha Epsilon-Delta Gamma 8
 - Abel Eight-Sandoz Nine 50, Hoppner Two and Three 0
- Division B
 - Abel Ten 19, Sandoz Five-Abel Six 18
 - Sandoz Six-Abel Eleven 26, Don Ho's 12
 - Triangle 36, Abel Twelve 24
 - Tau Kappa Epsilon-Little Sisters 46, Abel Three 6
 - Harvey Smithers by forfeit over Tau Kappa Epsilon-Kappa Alpha Theta
 - Selleck 8100 6200 by forfeit over Sud Soakers
 - Selleck 8300 6300 by forfeit over Harper Nine
 - Untouchables by forfeit over Cather Ten-Pound Nine

SOFTBALL

- Division A
 - Hosers 16, Soupbones 5
 - Sigma Phi Epsilon 13, Acacia 7
 - Selleck 7200 15, Harper Five 6
 - Schramm Eight 14, Harper Nine 4
 - Gummers 22, Apples 3
 - Sigma Chi 12, Phi Gamma Delta 0
 - Cather Eight 18, Burr One West 5
 - Holymokers 14, Sledge-O-Matic II 1
 - Abel Six 2, Abel Eleven 1
 - Sigma Nu 18, Theta Xi 3
 - Mass 11, Master Batters 10
 - Mac Attacks 40, Smagmas 2
 - Kappa Sigma 12, Alpha Gamma Rho 9
- Division B
 - Heavy Hitters 17, Generics 16
 - Wizards 24, Ole Bud Sud Studs 3
 - Silver Bullets 6, Lone Wolves 5
 - Hosers 10, Brew Crew 2
 - Alpha Gamma Rho 12, Sigma Alpha Epsilon 11
 - Buddies 12, 25th Street Burns 2
 - Master Batters 10, Old 5'ers 9
 - Sigma Chi 16, Phi Gamma Delta 3
 - Players 13, Lone Stars 4
 - DFC 11, Slugs 3
 - Boys in the Band by forfeit over Financial Aid
- Division C
 - Schramm Two 6, Abel Ten 0
 - Abel Eleven 15, Piper Two 2